



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A number of important messages for you:

Enrichment

There will be an Enrichment Day for students in Years 7-11 on Monday. The school site will be accessible from 8.45am but registration will be delayed to 9.15am and the Enrichment Day will begin at 9.30am. The normal school timetable will be suspended and your son will take part in a range of educational activities both on and off site. A programme of activities has been organised for each year group.

Year 12 students have been asked to come in at the normal time on Monday and they will have a range of enrichment activities all week with work experience next week.

Virtual Awards Evenings

We had our first Awards evening this week which was very successful and here are the dates of the remaining events:

- Year 8: Tuesday 13th July
- Year 7: Thursday 15th July
- Year 9: Tuesday 20th July

Mufti Day: Friday 16th July

There will be a Mufti Day on Friday 16th July. The money raised will be for the 'Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital charity' and 'StopWatch'. One of our staff members who passed away this year, Ms Binns, was cared for by the Royal Brompton hospital before she died. 'Stopwatch' was a charity chosen by a group of Year 9 students who came second in the FirstGive competition, but sadly there are no longer second or third prizes.

Last day Arrangements – Friday 23rd July

Year 7 & Year 8

8.45-9.05: Registration
9.10-10.00: Period 1 as per normal
10.05-10.55: Form time (arrangements for 2021/22)
10.55-11.15: Break
11.15-12.05: Celebration Assembly (Year 7: Sports Hall, Year 8: Main Hall)
12.05: Student Dismissal

Year 9 & Year 11

- 8.45-9.05: Registration
9.10-10.00: Period 1 as per normal
10.05-10.25: Break
10.25-11.15: Celebration Assembly (Yr. 9: Main Hall, Yr. 11: Sports Hall)
11.15-12.05: Form time (arrangements for 2021/22) & dismissal

Free School Meal Vouchers (FSM)

Sutton Council has agreed to fund the FSM vouchers over the summer holidays. They have decided to pay for 26 days which is the entirety of the summer holiday period (excluding the August Bank Holiday). The same scheme will operate as before (via the Wonde platform).

Sports Gala Dinner 2021

With the news earlier this week from the government regarding the arrangements from Monday 19th July, we are now in a position to share with you that the Sports Gala Dinner 2021 will take place on Saturday 2nd October, 7.00pm, at Surrey National Golf Course. With no opportunity to raise much needed funds for sport equipment, playing shirts and transport to matches over the last 18 months, we are delighted to have this opportunity in October. This year we welcome rugby legend, Shane Williams MBE (Lions and Wales), as our special guest for the evening which will see the BBC's John Inverdale join us as MC.

We will of course also welcome a host of former John Fisher students from a range of sports including recent Gallagher Premiership Champion Alex Dombrandt (England and Harlequins RFC), Tim Murtagh (Ireland Middlesex CC), Laurie Evans (England and Surrey CC) and Kyle Traynor (Barbarians, Gloucester RFC). You can see the full line up on the attached flyer. There are new table options this year, including having Shane Williams MBE sat with you. For more information, and to book your tickets, simply go to: www.jumblebee.co.uk/jfssportsgaladinner2021

Please be aware that there are limited tickets for this event and historically it sells out very quickly.

Pavilion Refurbishment Fundraising

I also wanted to thank those parents/carers who have already donated to the Pavilion Refurbishment Fundraising. We look forward to having a full set of rugby fixtures starting again in September, with almost 400 students representing the school every weekend. With cross country, football and games lessons taking place there every week, the pavilion is a facility the school is very lucky to have. It is in need of a refurbishment and you can hear more about this from Mr. Street (Head of Physical Education) and students in the video on the fundraising page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ploughlane?utm_term=M954aD65g

TFL - Bus Route 633

Message from Transport for London:

'We are proposing to make changes to school bus route 633 which currently operates in the London Borough of Croydon. We are proposing to extend the 633 route from its current end point of Beddington Church in Wallington, to South Lodge Avenue, Pollards Hill in the London Borough of Merton. Under our proposal, the 633 route would duplicate the 463 route in its entirety, except it would not serve ASDA Wallington. Young people in the Pollards Hill area travelling towards Wallington are, at times, unable to board the first 463 bus service to get to and from school or college. It is hoped our proposal would enable more young people travelling to school and college to use route 633 and therefore free up space

on route 463. Subject to feedback from the consultation, we are proposing to implement the changes during the 2021/2022 autumn school term. We would like to know what you think about our proposals.

To find out more and to have your say, please visit our website: <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/bus-route-633> by Friday 30 July 2021.'

Wellbeing Award

The final verification report has come through this week from Optimus Education regarding the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools'. Here are some statements from the full report which is attached to the email:

'There is a strong culture of supporting each other and being a strong community with a strong sense of belonging. This was reported consistently by stakeholders who were proud of their school and valued being part of the "Fisher Family".'

'Form time plays a key part of the school's provision. Form tutors build strong relationships and deliver key aspects of the taught wellbeing programme alongside PSHE and RSE.'

'Individual students are able to find their "niche" to feel their own sense of belonging and find their own support and place within the wider school.'

'Throughout the pandemic the whole school community has very visibly demonstrated they care about each other and are prepared to go the extra mile to support any member of the community in need in line with the school's Catholic values. The school's work is underpinned by these values which are carefully applied.'

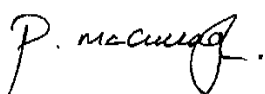
'Wellbeing is reported by leaders to be at the very heart of everything the school is trying to do and an important consideration in decision making.'

'Leaders understand the importance of their role, have vision and have the ability to strategically plan'.

'There is a strong collaboration process by all to support the students'.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the football.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher